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Halia language

Halia is an Austronesian language of Buka Island and the Selau Peninsula of Bougainville, Papua New Guinea.

Halia	
Selau	
Native to	Papua New Guinea
Region	Buka Island, Selau Peninsula
Native speakers	(20,000 cited 1994)[1]
Language family	Austronesian ▪ Malayo-Polynesian ▪ Oceanic ▪ Western ▪ Meso-Melanesian ▪ Northwest Solomonic ▪ Nehan–Bougainville ▪ Buka ▪ Halia–Hakö ▪ **Halia**
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	`hla`
Glottolog	`hali1244 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/hali1244)`[2]

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Phonology

The phonology of the Halia language[3]:

Consonants

		Labial	Alveolar	Palatal	Velar	Glottal
Plosive	voiceless	p	t		k	
	voiced	b			g	
Affricate			ts ~ tʃ			
Fricative			s			h
Nasal		m	n		ŋ	
Lateral			l			
Rhotic			r			
Approximant		w		j		

Vowels

	Front	Central	Back
High	i		u
	ɪ		ʊ
Mid	(e)		o
	ɛ		ɔ
Low		a	

Diphthong vowel sounds include /ei, au, ou/.

[e] exists, but not as a monopthong.

Allophones

Phoneme	Allophones
/b/	[β]
/g/	[ɣ], [χ]
/ts/	[tʃ]
/r/	[ɾ]
/a/	[æ], [ɐ], [ʌ]
/ʊ/	[ɨ]
/ei/	[e], [ɛi], [ɛ]

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External links

- Written materials on Halia are available at Kaipuleohone under 'Selau'

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